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ON PETITION

In re Application of Seiro Yahata, et al Application No. 08/701,457 Filed: August 22, 1996 Attorney Docket No. 960630

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 24, 1999, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Janice M. Ford at (703) 305-8736.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800.

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